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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action issued December 19, 2005, in connection with the subject application.

By the Action, the Examiner has required a restriction between a) claims 1-8, 24 and 25, said to be drawn to a 2-component resin system (Group I), and b) claims 9-23 and 27-43, said to be drawn to a method of sealing (Group II). In response to the requirement, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II, i.e., claims 9-23 and 27-43. This election, however, is made with traverse.

As noted in applicant's parent application, according to M.P.E.P. § 803, a restriction requirement should not be made unless there is a serious burden on the Examiner to examine all the claims in a single application. This is true even when other proper grounds for restriction exist. Here, the subject matter of the identified groups of claims are so closely related that their respective searches are co-extensive. Since it does not appear that there is

an undue burden associated with examining all the claims in a single application, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested.

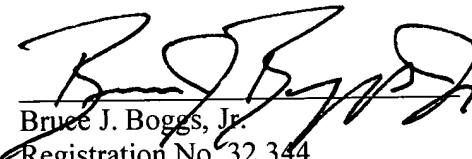
If the Examiner has any questions concerning any aspect of this matter, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2518.

Respectfully submitted,  
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